

Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2015

*****APPROVED*****

Members Present

Denise Busley
Dr. Johanna Buzolits
Deborah Carley
Thomas Cottrell
Jerry Dorsey, IV
Kathy Hagenian
Cassandra Harmon-Higgins
Dr. Angie Kennedy
Thomas Knapp (via phone)
Mary Lovik
Mary Jane Tramontin
Dorie Vasquez-Nolan
Carol Hackett Garagiola, Chair

Members Absent

Sgt. Mark Boody
Hon. Cheryl Matthews
Phyllis Van Order
Christopher Wigent

DHHS Staff Present

Ginger Czubak, Task Force Coordinator
Danielle Marek
Kelcy McArthur

Guests Present

Rachel Webster

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Hackett Garagiola convened the eleventh meeting of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children, at the General Office Building, Conference Room B, 1st floor, 7015 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48813 on May 7, 2015 at 9:00 am, welcoming and thanking Task Force members and DHHS staff for their participation. Guest Rachel Webster was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for her presence and participation.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: J. Dorsey, IV to approve May 7, 2015 meeting agenda. Seconded by M. Lovik. Motion carried.

Approval of April 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion: M.J. Tramontin to approve the April 16, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Dorsey, IV. Motion carried.

Administrative Matters

Members discussed logistics for completion of Task Force work.

Report on Data from MSP/MICR

C. Hackett Garagiola reported to members that Wendy Easterbook, Michigan State Police, Department Crime Specialist, Michigan Incident Crime Reporting, will meet via phone with interested Task Force members to discuss the extensive 2013 data that she had provided to the Task Force regarding reports of child sexual abuse to law enforcement. G. Czubak is scheduling the conference call for Task Force members who had expressed interest in participating: T. Knapp, A. Kennedy, J. Dorsey IV, M. Boody, D. Marek and C. Hackett Garagiola.

Report on Data from DCH, now DHHS

C. Hackett Garagiola reported to members that Sarah Rockhill, an epidemiologist working in the MI Department of Community Health (now merged with the MI Department of Human Services to form the MI Department of Health & Human Services), had prepared and provided to the Task Force an analysis of child sexual abuse data that was available to S. Rockhill for analysis. Her analysis included data from the Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System, and the Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Preventive Services-Sexual Health Risk Assessment. The analysis had been provided the morning of the Task Force meeting, May 7, and will be forwarded to Task Force members. Appreciation was expressed for the excellent work and diligence of Sarah Rockhill in preparing the analysis for the Task Force.

Report on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention School Protocols and Curricula

C. Hackett Garagiola reported that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) was working on gathering information for the Task Force about model child sexual abuse prevention protocols for schools, and model child sexual abuse prevention curricula for students.

M. Lovik reported on the progress of the portions of the final report she is writing that address protocols for youth-serving organizations, and protocols and curricula for schools. She was thanked for her work.

Survey Summaries

J. Buzolits reported on the numbers of responses from various categories of respondents to the surveys. J. Buzolits was thanked for her significant investment of time and effort in leading and managing all aspects of the survey work, and for volunteering to prepare the description of the survey process for the final report.

Review and Discussion of Draft Report and Recommendations

Members reviewed and discussed the draft report and recommendations prepared by C. Hackett Garagiola which included the information and proposed recommendations submitted by Task Force members, information received from national and state experts and resources consulted by the Task Force, and information gleaned from the survey results. Members discussed individual recommendations and reached consensus on those to be included in the final report. Remaining issues for discussion will be resolved during the May 28 meeting.

Lunch

Members participated in a lunch at their own expense, using no public funds.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Thank you and next meeting

C. Hackett Garagiola thanked meeting participants for the thoughtful discussion that took place during the meeting, and their work to fulfill the Task Force charges. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, May 28, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grand Tower

Conference Room 1-A 1st Floor

235 S. Grand Avenue

Lansing, MI 48933

Adjournment

Motion: J. Dorsey, IV to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Cottrell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hackett Garagiola